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House Resolution No. 4334

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven to be excellent citizens in local communities and neighborhoods through the quality of their activities promoting public schools and institutions; and

Whereas, William "Bill" McMurray of Moscow Mills, Missouri, has provided significant leadership and contributions to the 2008 Hawk Point PTO fund-raiser designed to make improvements to the Hawk Point elementary school playground and library; and

Whereas, a former entertainment columnist, author, businessman, and philanthropist, Bill McMurray provided the expertise and knowledge necessary to convince actor William deVry to volunteer his special services at the October 2008 Hawk Point PTO fund-raiser; and

Whereas, the beloved husband of Freida McMurray, Bill McMurray wrote the RW McMurray's Celebrity Contact and Trivia Challenge column that appeared weekly in the <u>Fulton Sun</u>, <u>Mexico Ledger</u>, and <u>Columbia Tribune</u> newspapers and as a monthly feature in the <u>Autograph Collector</u> hobby magazine; and

Whereas, since 1986 Bill McMurray has assisted with more than fifty celebrity events throughout Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana that have raised thousands of dollars for such special causes as animal shelters, ill children, school programs, and community projects; and

Whereas, Bill McMurray also founded "Writing For a Reason", which uses the hobby of autograph collecting as a means to motivate students in the classroom toward stronger writing skills; and

Whereas, Bill McMurray is the recipient of a Presidential Commendation from president Ronald Reagan as the founder of the Callaway County Medical First Responders and is one of president George Bush's "1,000 Points of Light" for his community fund-raising efforts; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should recognize such outstanding Missouri citizens as Bill McMurray:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered thus far in the life and work of Bill McMurray and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of his contributions to the 2008 Hawk Point PTO fund-raiser; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to William "Bill" McMurray.

Offered by Representative Ed Schieffer District No. 11
I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninet fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4334, adopted October 9, 2008.
Rod Jetton, Speaker